

Burning Any Fires, Including Recreational Fires

You MUST CALL 1-800-323-BURN (2876) or visit <http://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/firedanger> each day of ignition prior to lighting ANY fire for instructions specific to that day and location

- ▶ Start your fire only after receiving land-owners written permission if you are on someone else's property;
- ▶ Help prevent false alarms—follow the notification instructions specific to your county as given on the 1-800-323-BURN message or shown on the web site at <http://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/firedanger>
- ▶ Do not burn rubber, plastics, asphalt,

garbage, dead animals, petroleum products, paints or any materials that emit dense smoke or create offensive odors;

- ▶ Do not burn when local or state air pollution control authorities announce an "impaired air" or "air pollution episode;"
- ▶ Do not allow smoke or ash to create a nuisance to people residing within the vicinity;
- ▶ Completely extinguish the fire, with no heat or smoke throughout burnt area, including below surface, before leaving the burn site.

3 FEET WIDE,
2 FEET HIGH, MAX.



Recreation fires require no written permit if they are :

- ▶ In a campfire pit, camp stove or barbecue;
- ▶ Smaller than **3 feet across; 2 feet high**, and
- ▶ Placed on bare soil, gravel bars, beaches, green fields or other non-flammable areas.
- ▶ Must obtain landowner's written permission.

Recreational fires are not allowed on State lands except in approved designated campgrounds.

 **Report uncontrolled wildfire, call: 1-800-562-6010**
Thank You

Other Resources

Silvicultural Debris Burning in Eastern Washington

Washington State Department of Natural Resources,
Northeast Region, in Colville:
(509) 685-6900

Outdoor Burning (excluding Silvicultural Debris Burning) in Spokane County

Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency
(509) 477-4727 (office)
(509) 477-4710
(24-hour Burn Info Line)
www.spokanecleanair.org/outdoor_burning.asp

Agricultural, Yard and Garden Burning in Eastern Washington (outside Spokane County)

Washington State Department of Ecology,
Eastern Region Office
(509) 329-3400

Composting, Recycling, Waste Reduction and Disposal

Spokane Regional Solid Waste System
(509) 625-6800



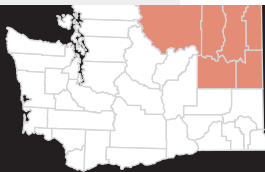
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**OUTDOOR BURNING RULES ON DNR-PROTECTED LANDS
FOR FERRY, LINCOLN, OKANOGAN, PEND OREILLE, SPOKANE AND STEVENS COUNTIES**



In Washington state, more than 12 million acres of private and state lands are protected from wildfires by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). These lands adjoin millions of acres protected by the US Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, and more than 600 fire protection districts and departments throughout the state.

Debris burning, the leading cause of wildfires on state-protected lands, accounts for about one-third of all wildfires fought since 1986 by DNR.

This brochure explains the general rules and guidelines to help people burn safely and legally on state-protected lands. DNR jurisdiction applies to burning occurring on un-improved forest land, so whether you wish to light a campfire or you are planning to burn forest debris (silvicultural material) as part of an industrial operation, specific rules apply and permits may be required.

Burning responsibly is the best way to prevent unwanted wildfires and thousands of dollars in suppression costs.

Burning Without a Permit

NO WRITTEN PERMIT IS REQUIRED IF THE PLANNED BURN MEETS ALL THE FOLLOWING:

- ▶ Burn no more than one pile at any time and **each pile must be completely extinguished before lighting another.**
- ▶ Create a fire break around the pile by constructing a barrier to bare mineral soil with no flammable material
- ▶ Keep a shovel and connected water hose or at least 5 gallons of water nearby.
- ▶ A person capable of extinguishing the fire must be in attendance at all times while burning.
- ▶ **Burn only in calm or light winds.** Don't burn when the wind is swaying trees, extending flags or causing rough waves on the water.

Ferry, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties:

July 1 to October 15:

The burn is **less than 4 feet across.**

October 16 to June 30:

The burn is **less than 10 feet across.**

Spokane County:

All Year

The burn is **less than 4 feet across.**



You are only allowed to burn natural vegetation derived from un-improved property



SEE ABOVE

50 FEET OR MORE AWAY



An open fire must be on a non-combustible surface and at least **50 feet** from combustible objects (buildings, fences, etc.). Fire breaks must be made around the open fire.

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When is a DNR permit required?

A DNR PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR:

- ▶ Any burning that cannot meet all the previous standards listed in this pamphlet;
- ▶ Burning of any machine piled material;
- ▶ A DNR permit is required for burning within 500 feet of forest slash piles and 50 feet of structures.
- ▶ A permit may be required for burning debris from land clearing. Contact DNR or Department of Ecology to determine type of permit needed.



BURN BANS

Outdoor burning may be completely suspended by the DNR at any time. Such tight restrictions may be announced due to high fire danger resulting from weather conditions, specific wildfire conditions, lack of available firefighting personnel or to protect air quality.

FOLLOW THE RULES, CALL 800.323.BURN BEFORE YOU BURN
<http://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/firedanger>